MAELOR
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE

YEAR 1960

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To the Chairman and Members of the Maelor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I Have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1960.

There has again been a slight fall in population of the District according to the Mid-Annual estimate of the Registrar General. There is a fall of 20 as against 10 for the previous year.

Once again the Birth Rate for the District is above the National figure with a total of 77 births giving a rate of 17.4 per 1,000 as compared with the previous years figures of 78 births with a rate of 17.3 per 1,000.

There is an increase of 17 in the number of deaths with a total of 70 giving a Death Rate of 15.5 per 1,000 very much above that for England and Wales which is 11.5.

It is pleasing to note the very small incidence of infectious disease in the area, there having been only one case notified. It is also very pleasing that with the number of cases of food poisoning being reported throughout the Country, there have been no notifications in this area.

I would like to thank the Chairman and members of the Council for their co-operation, and all your officers who have assisted me in compiling this report.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

A. Cathcart.

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Allan Cathcart. M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. & H., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector.

Mr. S.J.V. James. Dip.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	29,749 acres.
Population (Estimated June 1959)..	4,500
Rateable Value of District..	£34,561
Product of a Penny Rate	£135
No. of inhabited houses	1466
No. of Council houses.	138
New houses certified..	5
Density of persons per house	3.1
Births	77
Birth Rate per 1,000..	17.4
Deaths	70
Death Rate per 1,000..	15.5
Deaths under the age of 1 year	Nil
Infantile Mortality per 1,000 related births.. ...	Nil
Death Rate from all forms of Tuberculosis	Nil

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Population (R.G. Estimate Mid-Annual)...	4,500
Comparability Factor:-	
Deaths	1.00
Births	1.02

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BIRTHS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live Births. (Legitimate).....	43	33	76
Live Births (Illegitimate).....	1	-	1
	44	33	77

Birth Rate per 1,000 population.....17.4
Birth Rate, England and Wales.....17.1

STILLBIRTHS

There were no stillbirths during the year.

DEATHS

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.....	31	39	70

Death Rate per 1,000 population..... 15.5
Death Rate, England and Wales..... 11.5

The Following table gives the causes of Death :-

CAUSES.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1. Tuberculosis Respiratory.....	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis Other.....	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.....	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.....	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.....	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection.....	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-
8. Measles.....	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases....	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm (Stomach).....	2	1	3
11. " " (Lung and Bronchus)...	1	-	1
12. " " (Breast).....	-	1	1
13. " " (Uterus).....	-	-	-
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms....	1	3	4
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.....	-	-	-
16. Diabetes.....	-	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.....	7	9	16
18. Coronary Disease (Angina).....	4	8	12
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease.....	-	-	-
20. Other Heart Disease.....	3	3	6
21. Other Circulatory Disease.....	1	2	3
22. Influenza.....	-	1	1
23. Pneumonia.....	1	3	4

24. Bronchitis.....	1	1	2
25. Other Disease of Respiratory System.....	1	-	1
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.....	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	-	1	1
29. Hyperplasi of Prostate.....	2	-	2
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.....	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations.....	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases...	4	6	10
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	-	-	-
34. All other accidents.....	1	-	1
35. Suicide.....	1	-	1
36. Homicide and Operations of War.....	-	-	-
TOTALS.	31	39	70

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were no infant deaths during the year.

Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales.....21.7

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths due to childbirth during the year.

CANCER DEATHS.

There were 9 deaths from Cancer during the year, compared with 9 in 1959.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Stomach.....	2	1	3
Lungs and Bronchus.....	1	-	1
Breast.....	-	1	1
Uterus.....	-	-	-
Others.....	1	3	4
	4	5	9

The percentage of Cancer deaths to total deaths is 12,8%

HEART DISEASE.

Heart disease was responsible for 18 deaths compared with 13 in 1959. Of these 7 were Males and 11 were Females.

The percentage of deaths from heart disease to total deaths is 25.7%

PULMONARY CAUSES.

There were 8 deaths from Pulmonary causes during the year compared with 6 in 1959

	Male.	Female.	Total.
T.B. Respiratory.....	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	1	3	4
Bronchitis.....	1	1	2
Influenza.....	-	1	1
Others.....	1	-	1
	3	5	8

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year, one infectious disease notification was received as compared with 2 notified the previous year.

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis.

There were no Food Poisoning notifications received and there were no cases of Diphtheria reported.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis notifications during the year numbered 5 as compared with 1 for the previous year, there being 2 Males and 3 Females affected. Any contacts are X-rayed and skin tested and 13-14 year olds are given B.C.G. innoculations when necessary.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small Pox.....	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	-	-	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.....	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.....	-	-	-
Measles.....	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatirum.....	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	1	1	-
Mumps Meningitis.....	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-
Typhoid & Paratyphoid....	-	-	-

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
(Arranged according to age)

DISEASE	Under 1	1 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 44	45 to 64	65 plus	Total
Small Pox.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Mumps Meningitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid & Paratyphoid.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

Tabulated New Cases for 1960.

Age Groups.	Respiratory		Non-Pulmonary		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5.	-	1	-	-	1
6 to 10.	-	-	-	-	-
11 to 25.	-	-	1	-	1
26 to 35.	-	-	-	-	-
36 to 45.	-	1	-	-	1
46 to 55.	1	-	-	-	1
56 to 65.	-	1	-	-	1
65 and over.	-	-	-	-	-

DIPHTHERIA.

Diphtheria Prophylactic Antigen is used by Medical Practitioners for the immunisation of children in the area.

The County Council offer immunisation in the Child Welfare Clinic at Penley. Standard practice now is early protection beginning at three months with Diphtheria Pertissus Prophylactic, in addition many school children are given "booster" inoculations in schools at the age of 5/6 years.

In spite of the absence of Diphtheria in the area, efforts to obtain full protection against the disease must not be relaxed.

POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION.

During the year good progress in Polio immunisation was maintained, the age groups being extended up to the age of 40 years. In addition, expectant mothers are offered Polio immunisation. The response in this area continues to be very gratifying.

HOUSING.

Considerable progress has been made during the year in improving the housing conditions in the area. Action has been taken under the Public Health and Housing Acts to improve the structural repair of dwellings, and a number of unfit houses have been closed or demolished. The standard of repair of a large number of houses in the district is very poor and it will take some time before conditions can be described as satisfactory. The Public Health Inspector has completed a housing survey of the district and is now preparing details for formulating Clearance Areas to be dealt with in the coming year.

Work commenced during the latter part of the year on 20 dwellings at Penley. It is anticipated that a number of these dwellings will be allocated for Slum Clearance purposes which will complete the Council's Clearance programme for the next 5 years in this Parish.

CLEAN FOOD.

There has been a continued improvement in food premises during the year, but the problem of supervising the many mobile food shops operating in the area is very difficult. Many of these shops enter the district from neighbouring authorities and very often it is some time before it is realised that they are in existence. It would be of great help to the Public Health Department if some form of registration was brought into force for these traders.

WATER.

Good progress is still being maintained in extending the main supply throughout the district, and samples are being regularly taken by the Public Health Inspector. All samples have been reported as satisfactory.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Bacteriological examination of water, milk, ice-cream and other foods is carried out at the new Public Health Laboratory, Chester. The opening of this new laboratory at Chester has made sampling much easier in view of the much smaller amount of travelling involved.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

These facilities are now under the control of the Flintshire County Council who have stationed a vehicle in the Maelor District.

HOSPITALS.

Infectious Diseases:	Wrexham Isolation Hospital.
General:	Hospitals outside the County are used for General Cases :-

Royal Infirmary, Chester.
Wrexham War Memorial Hospital.
Maelor General Hospital, Wrexham.
Ellesmere Cottage Hospital.
Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

There is also one large Ministry of Health Hospital for Polish Persons situated in the area:

Polish General Hospital. Penley.
General cases with a wing for T.B. patients.

MATERNITY.

Patients are admitted when necessary to a Maternity Hospital at Wrexham, this being outside the County.

CLINICS.

A Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held at Penley on the first and third Thursday in every month, where as in previous years, help has been provided by a Ladies Voluntary Committee. I would once again like to express my appreciation for their help during the year.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1960 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF MAELOR IN THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE?

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act. 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	13	52	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3	12	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers premises)	1	4	-	-
Total	17	68	1	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars. (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors. (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient.	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work).	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

There are no outworkers in the District.

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COUNCIL OFFICES,
OVERTON,
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To the Chairman and Members of the Maelor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Second Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department.

Priority has been given during the year to the completion of the Housing Survey and preparing the necessary reports for formulating the Council's Slum Clearance programme. The results of this survey are to be found in the report. Despite the amount of time which has been devoted to housing work, the other branches of Public Health have not been neglected, although a great deal remains to be done to provide an efficient Public Health Service. It is pleasing to note however, that the General Public are now becoming more aware of the services available, and efforts are being made to encourage their co-operation by dealing promptly with their complaints.

I would again like to express my appreciation of the consideration I have received from the Council, and the willing help extended to me by the Officials and Staff of the Council.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Public Health Inspector.

1st. March. 1961.

Tabulated Summary of Sanitary Administration.

Total No. of Inspections made	4,497
Total No. of Complaints received	39
Total No. of Interviews with owners etc	48

BED BUGS.

Number of inspections made	555
Number of Council Houses found to be infested	Nil
Number of other Houses found to be infested	Nil

CLOSETS.

Number of water closet compartments cleansed	Nil
Number of water closets repaired or reconstructed	6
Number of flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	-
Number of new water closet pans or pedestals provided	29
Number provided with supply of water	-

DRAINS.

Drains constructed or reconstructed	35
Repaired or cleansed	5
Ventilated	30
New inspection chambers	106
Tests to existing drains	3
Tests to new drains	26
New sinks fitted	10
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	12

FACTORIES.

Number of Factories in District (Mech)	13
Number of Factories in District (Non-Mech)	3
Number of inspections made	68
Number of contraventions found	1
Number of contraventions remedied	1
Number of contraventions outstanding at end of year	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Number of investigations carried out	2

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of businesses in District	Nil

RODENT CONTROL.

Rodent Control is carried out under the general supervision of the Public Health Inspector, by Mr. J.R. Walsh.

The number of Rat and Mice infestations being reported to the department is increasing, but I attribute this, not to an increase in infestations but to the awareness of the Public that a Rodent Control service is being provided by the Council's Health Department.

Number of premises inspected.....	225
Number of Premises found to be infested.....	15
Number of visits made.....	62

REMOVAL OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE.

Refuse Collection in the District is still being carried out by a Contractor, and although there have been several teething troubles the scheme is operating reasonably satisfactorily. The biggest difficulty is in the adequate control of refuse tips. There are three tips in use in the District, and constant visits are necessary in order to ensure that the tips are being satisfactorily maintained, but it would seem that the only efficient method of control is to operate one central tip under the direct control of the Health Department, who would be responsible for ensuring that all refuse is adequately covered over after tipping. This matter will receive attention in the near future.

A great deal of attention has been paid during the year to the state of dustbins in the District, and I am glad to report that the position is now much more satisfactory.

Number of new dustbins provided by Informal Action	108
Number of new dustbins provided by Statutory Action.....	-

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED.

Dampness.	
Number of roofs repaired or renewed.....	20
Number of rainwater gutters and downspouts repaired or renewed.....	9
Yard surfaces repaired or relaid.....	5
Yard drainage improved.....	6
Interior Work.	
Number of rooms cleansed.....	-
Number of walls repaired.....	21
Number of ceilings repaired.....	3
Number of Floors repaired.....	10
Number of Chimney Stacks repaired or rebuilt.....	12
Number of Firegrates repaired or renewed.....	7
Dampness remedied.....	17
Offensive accumulations removed.....	6
Number of doors and windows repaired or renewed.....	12
Number of staircases repaired.....	10

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED (Cont:)

Ventilation improved..... 5
Sufficient water supply provided.....11

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Number of smoke observations made..... 3
Number of visits made..... 2
Number of notices served.....Nil

There is only one factory chimney in the District, this being an aluminium smelting factory. There are several oil burning plants at schools and churches, and at the Penley Polish Hospital there are three sectional boilers which are coke fired. No nuisances are being caused by any of these plants. It will be seen therefore that this District is very fortunate in not having any problem regarding air pollution.

TENTS, VANS, SHEDS ETC.,

The year 1960 saw the coming into force of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, which increased the control of Local Authorities and Planning Authorities over caravan sites. The Act has fulfilled a long felt need, and full advantage should be taken of its provisions to obtain the highest possible standards on sites. The majority of sites in this area are those with one caravan used for permanent residence, and I consider that these should have all the modern facilities of a permanent residence. It is hoped that a uniform set of standards to be applied to caravan sites will be adopted throughout the County of Flintshire in the coming year. Since the coming into force of the Act, the number of caravans in the District has been considerably reduced, only four of the existing site occupiers having applied for licences. In addition, applications for licences for two new sites have been received and forwarded to the County Planning Department for the necessary planning permission.

Number of Licensed sites.....Nil
Number of licensed dwellings..... 9
Number of inspections made..... 47
Number of contraventions found.....Nil

WATER SUPPLY.

Number of samples taken for examination..... 14
Number of samples satisfactory..... 12
Number of samples unsatisfactory..... 2

The two unsatisfactory samples were taken from a shallow well at Worthenbury. The well has been condemned and the occupier immediately arranged for the main supply to be brought to his premises.

WATER SUPPLY (Continued).

Informal action has been taken during the year to obtain a supply of water to a row of five houses at Bangor Isycoed which were found to be without a supply of any description. Negotiations with the Owner of the property were still in progress at the close of the year.

The Council's water mains have been further extended during the year, and the number of houses now provided with a piped supply is as follows:-

Parish.	No. with Piped Supply.	No. using standpipes.	% with piped supply.
Bangor..	135	8	95.3
Bettisfield.	65	-	65.
Bronington.	122	6	80.
Halghton.	62	-	62.
Hanmer.	72	-	74.3
Iscoyd.	98	-	91.5
Overton.	288	10	87.6
Penley.	81	-	84.4
Tybroughton.	40	-	83.3
Willington.	80	-	81.7
Worthenbury.	86	4	85.

HOUSING.

The Preliminary Housing Survey commenced in September, 1959, was completed during the year and the necessary steps are now being taken to plan the Council's Slum Clearance Programme with the help of the information obtained from the Survey.

In carrying out the Survey, a total of 1484 houses were inspected. These were classified into four groups, viz: Grades I, II, III and IV, and the houses inspected were graded as follows:-

Grade I, 741: Grade II, 441; Grade III, 154; Grade IV, 148.

Of the 148 houses placed in Grade IV, 72 have been provisionally placed in the Council's Five year programme and 76 in the Eight year programme. The remainder will be dealt with at a later date.

The following information has also been obtained as a result of the Survey:-

Percentage of houses with Water Closets..... 66.5%
Percentage of houses with Bathrooms..... 51.4%
Percentage of houses with hot water supply..... 60.2%

Since the completion of the survey, a large number of applications for Standard Grants have been received, and it is hoped that with the help of this, the above percentages will be greatly increased. A Further factor which it is hoped will help towards this goal, will be the provision of main sewerage in the three larger villages in the District.

HOUSING (Continued).

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of informal notices served..... 47.

Number of dwellings where defects were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers..... 30.

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(A) Proceedings under the Public Health Act. Section 93.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Abatement Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... 1

(2) Number of dwellings in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices..... 4

(3) Number of notices outstanding at end of year.....Nil.

Section 45.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served requiring defective water closets to be repaired.....Nil.

(2) Number of dwellings where defective water closets were repaired after service of Formal Notices.....Nil.

(3) Number of Notices outstanding at end of year.....Nil.

Section 39.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served for the renewing or repairing of existing drains.....Nil

(2) Number of dwellings where existing drains were renewed and cleansed.....Nil

Section 138, and Water Act 1945 - Section 30.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served requesting owner to provide water supply in pipes.....Nil.

(2) Number of dwellings in which water supply was provided after service of Formal Notices.....Nil.

(3) Number of Notices outstanding at end of year.....Nil.

(B) Proceedings under Section 9 and 10 of the Housing Act. 1957.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs.....Nil.

(2) Number of dwellings which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices.....Nil.

(C) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act. 1957.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served under Section 16..... 9

(2) Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were made..... 4

(3) Number of dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..... 5

(4) Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....Nil

(5) Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of Undertaking given by owner.....Nil

(6) Number of dwellings in respect of which Undertaking from Owner accepted not to relet house for human habitation.... 1.

(D) Housing Act. 1957. - Overcrowding.

(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year..... 8
Number of families dwelling therein.....10
Number of persons dwelling therein.....67

(2) Number of new cases reported during the year..... 2

(3) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.. 3
Number of persons concerned in such cases.....14

Improvement Grants.

During the year there has been a steady flow of applications for improvement grants, but it has been found in this district that since Standard Grants have become available, the number of applications for Discretionary Grants has been greatly reduced. Another unsatisfactory feature is that of all applications received for grants, 75% were from Owner/Occupiers. It was hoped that far more Landlords would have taken advantage of the Grants to improve their properties. This trend seems to be common throughout the Country, despite the publicity which has been given to the scheme.

Improvement Grants (Continued)

Number of Discretionary Grant applications received.....	5
Number of Discretionary Grant applications approved.....	5
Total amount of Discretionary Grants approved.....	£2350
Number of improvements completed during the year.....	12
Number of Standard Grant applications received.....	34
Number of Standard Grant applications approved.....	32
Total estimated amount of Standard Grants approved.....	£3955
Number of improvements completed during the year.....	21

Standard Amenities applied for:-

Baths.....	29
Washbasins.....	28
Hot Water Supply...	24
Water Closets.....	28
Food Storage.....	17

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

The undermentioned table gives details of the number and type of food premises within the District, and the number of inspections made during the year.

	Number in District.	No. of inspections.
Bakehouses	1	10
Butchers Shops	3	108
Cafes, Snack Bars	4	32
Dairies and Milk Shops	3	19
Fried Fish Shops	1	12
Fruit and Greengrocers	5	29
General Provisions	19	104
Hotels and Public Houses	9	13
Ice-Cream Premises	15	86
Other Food Premises	3	16

A large amount of time has been spent on Food Hygiene during the year, and although the general standard is very good there are still one or two premises where improvement is necessary. These are cases where a lack of hygiene education is very apparent and frequent visits are being made in an effort to correct this. Attention has also been paid to the large number of mobile food shops in the area, and I am pleased to report that conditions on these vans are greatly improved, mainly due to propaganda talks with the owners.

Milk and Dairies Administration.

Under the provisions of the Milk(Special Designations) Regulations, 2 Dealers Licences and 6 Supplementary Licences have been granted.

During the year new regulations were passed which transferred the duties regarding licensing to Food and Drug Authorities, which in the case of this District is the Flintshire County Council.

I give below the details relating to the sampling of Milk:-

Number of samples taken.....24

(1) School Milks (Pasteurised).
Total number of samples taken.....4
Total number of samples satisfactory.....4
Total number of samples submitted to Phosphatase Test 4
Number found satisfactory..... 4

(2) Designated Milks other than School Milks.

Pasteurised Milk.
Number of samples taken.... 4 Number Satisfactory....4

Tuberculin Tested Milk.
Number of samples taken....5 Number Satisfactory....5

T.T./Pasteurised Milk.
Number of Samples taken.... 5 Number Satisfactory....5

Sterilised Milk.
Number of samples taken.... 6 Number Satisfactory....6

(3) Biological Testing for Tubercle Bacilli.

Three samples of the milks submitted for bacteriological examination were also examined for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli, with negative results.

Duties relating to Ice-Cream.

There are 15 premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream.

During the year the following samples were taken:-

Bacteriological - 4. These were all passed as Grade I by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Inspection of Meat.

There are three private slaughterhouses in the District which slaughter on an average two days per week. The times of slaughtering are such that 100% meat inspection can be carried out.

The report on slaughtering facilities in the District was submitted to the Ministry during the year and approval has now been obtained. The appointed day by which all slaughterhouses must comply with the Regulations is 1st. July. 1961, and all occupiers of the slaughterhouses have drawn up the necessary plans. It is hoped that all work will be completed during the early part of 1961

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS.	COWS.	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS.	CALVES.
Number Slaughtered.	223	-	698	376	10
Number Inspected.	221	-	695	376	10
Disease Except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	36	-	27	8	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis.	16.1%	-	3.8%	2.1%	-
TUBERCULOSIS.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	.26%	-
CYSTICERCOSIS.	NO CASES.				

The Total weight of meat condemned during the year:-

	cwts.	Qtr.	Lbs.
Tuberculosis	-	-	12
Other Diseases	4	2	6
Total	4	2	18.

Other foods condemned during the year:-

Tinned Ham.....24lbs.
Confectionery.....11lbs.
Fats.....42lbs.
Other foods..... 6lbs.
Total 83lbs.

Percentage classifications are as follows:-

Home.....49.5% ... 41lbs.
Foreign.....28.9% ... 24lbs.
Empire.....21.6% ... 18lbs.
100. % 83lbs.

Complaints received regarding Food.

During the year a complaint was received from a member of the Public regarding a loaf of bread purchased from a local baker which contained a beetle, The bakehouse concerned is in the district and frequent inspections had shown that it is well maintained and operated. In view of the fact that this was the first complaint against the bakehouse, the Council issued a warning to the occupier.